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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy to the Director of Central Intelligence

for the Intelligence Community

SUBJECT

: National Intelligence Program Memoranda

1. Attached are six working papers responding to your request of 18 July for substantive contributions to the proposed National Intelligence Program Memorandum. Each paper describes current and future intelligence tasks and characterizes the usefulness of the collection sources arrayed against identified information needs. The six papers were passed in draft to _______ of your Staff, and the attached versions reflect his suggested revisions.

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2. I have read these papers and find them somewhat uneven in the detail included and repetitive from one to another simply because of the way they were prepared. Furthermore, although we have coordinated some parts of these papers at the working level within the Agency, we have not attempted to get complete and authoritative coordination at this stage. One reason for this is that the preparation of these papers has taken considerably more time than had been expected and I believe that further work on these at this point would not be worth the effort. Accordingly, you should consider these as working contributions to be drawn upon in drafting NIPMs and not as authoritative statements of the Agency.

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3. I believe the next step is for your staff to prepare drafts of the NIPMs using what seems appropriate from the attached. When these drafts have been completed, they can be circulated within the Agency for authoritative comment and coordination. I have asked Herb Jenne to be the CIA focal point for NIPMs and he is prepared to receive your drafts and effect the necessary Agency coordination.

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Attachments:

Contributions to NIPM